

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A toilet bowl cleaning element implement for disposal after a single use, said implement comprising:

a handle, configured as an elongated web, having a length describing a first end and a second opposite end, and a width,

said handle having an upper and a lower surface;

an attachment region at one end of said handle;

a substantially flat scrubbing element in the form of a sheet of scrubbing material that has been folded at least once along a straight fold line to increase the structural integrity of the implement;

said scrubbing element exposing a substantially continuous outer surface having a substantially abrasive texture;

said scrubbing element being permanently and restrainably attached about said first end of the handle by at least one element attachment member; and

said first end of the handle extending to a position immediately adjacent to said fold line, to lend structural rigidity to said scrubbing element;
and

said handle and scrubbing element being configured for low-cost fabrication to enable the entire implement to be discarded after one use.

2. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 1 wherein the handle includes a reinforcement structure that extends beyond the upper and lower surfaces of at least a portion of the length of the handle to add rigidity to the handle structure.

3. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 2 wherein the reinforcement structure extends about the outer peripheral edge of the upper and lower surfaces, for at least a substantial portion of the length of the handle.

4. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 1 wherein said scrubbing element is formed of a substantially rectangular sheet, having a first edge and an opposing second edge and a defined centerline, wherein the sheet is folded along a first fold line, disposed between the first edge and the centerline;

a second fold line, disposed between the second edge and the centerline of said sheet; and

along a third fold line, oriented substantially at said centerline to juxtapose the upper surfaces of the sheet.

5. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to Claim 1 where the scrubbing element is made of a fibrous material with an abrasive outer surface.

6. (Currently Amended) A toilet bowl cleaning implement for disposal after a single use, said implement comprising:

a handle, configured as an elongated web, having a length describing a first end and a second opposite end, and a width,

said handle having an upper and a lower surface;

an attachment region at one end of said handle;

a scrubbing element in the form of a sheet of scrubbing material that has been folded at least once along a straight fold line to increase the structural integrity of the implement;

said scrubbing element being permanently and restrainably attached about said first end of the handle by at least one element attachment member;

said scrubbing element being formed of a substantially rectangular sheet, having a first edge and an opposing second edge and a defined centerline, wherein the sheet is folded along a first fold line, disposed between the first edge and the centerline;

a second fold line, disposed between the second edge and the centerline of said sheet; and

along a third fold line, oriented substantially at said centerline to juxtapose the upper surfaces of the sheet;

said first and second fold lines being oriented to juxtapose respective portions of the lower surfaces of the sheet, both said lower surfaces and said upper surfaces being further adhered to each other respectively by an adhesive applied therebetween,

said handle and scrubbing element being configured for low-cost fabrication to enable the entire implement to be discarded after one use; and

said at least one element attachment member including a staple through both said scrubbing element and said handle.

~~The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 4 wherein said third fold line is oriented to juxtapose respective portions of the lower surfaces of the sheet,~~

~~both said lower surfaces and said upper surfaces being further adhered to each other respectively by an adhesive applied thereto,~~

~~said at least one element attachment member including a staple through both said scrubbing element and said handle.~~

7. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 1 wherein the handle is made of plastic.

8. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement of Claim 1 wherein the shape of the scrubbing element is round prior to folding.

9. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement of claim 1 wherein said sheet of scrubbing material is folded once.

10. (Currently amended) The toilet bowl cleaning element implement of claim 1 wherein said sheet of scrubbing material is folded twice.

11. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement of claim 1 wherein said sheet of scrubbing material is folded thrice.

12. (Currently amended) The toilet bowl cleaning element of claim 1 wherein the scrubbing element implement is impregnated with at least one of

the following: a cleaning agent, a scouring powder, a scouring gel, a deodorizing agent.

13. (Currently amended) A toilet bowl cleaning element implement, comprising:

a handle having a length and a first width and further including at least one reinforcement structure extending along at least a portion of the length of the handle and projecting in a direction transversely to the width of the handle,

the handle further including an attachment region disposed at one end of the handle, the attachment region having a second width substantially greater than the first width,

a scrubbing element having a substantially rectangular shape fabricated from a sheet of a scrubbing material, having a first edge and an opposing second edge, together with first and second fold lines, respectively disposed from the first and second edges, together with a third fold line at its centerline, to juxtapose portions of the upper surface of said sheet,

said sheet being folded inwardly at said first and second fold lines and being further folded along said third fold line at said centerline to increase the structural integrity of the scrubbing element for scrubbing under the toilet bowl rim;

the scrubbing element being disposed on the end of the handle such that the attachment region is positioned between the two juxtaposed upper surfaces of said scrubbing element;

said handle and scrubbing element being configured for low-cost fabrication to enable the entire implement to be discarded after one use.

14. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 13 wherein the two juxtaposed upper surfaces are adhered to one another by an adhesive that is applied over a substantial portion of the juxtaposed inside surfaces.

15. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to Claim 13 wherein the scrubbing material is fibrous.
16. (Currently amended) The toilet bowl cleaning element implement of Claim 15 wherein the scrubbing material is abrasive.
17. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 13 wherein the handle is made of plastic.
18. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 13 wherein the handle is made of wood.
19. (Original) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to claim 13 where the handle has a "H"-shaped cross-sectional configuration over a substantial portion of its length.
20. (Canceled).
21. (Currently amended) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to Claim 13 ~~wherein said~~ further comprising at least one element attachment member is inserted through the scrubbing element and the attachment region of the handle.
22. (Currently amended) The toilet bowl cleaning implement according to Claim 21 wherein the at least one element attachment member is a staple.
23. (Currently amended) The toilet bowl cleaning element according to Claim 13 wherein the scrubbing element implement is impregnated with at least one of following: a cleaning agent, a scouring powder, a scouring gel, a deodorizing agent.